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ephone. [Entered at the Postoffice at Alexandria, Virginia, as

second-class matter.]

Rome, Georgia.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

ROME, Ga., March 29.—Perhaps your readers

may be interested about a town in the

new South. Business called me here for a

few days, and just before my arrival a

"boom" struck the town. "See Rome and

die," is changed to "See Rome and buy a cor-

ner lot." "When in Rome you must do as

Romans do," and consequently every man

here either buys, sells or talks real estate.

A brief description of the town will give

you an idea of the cause of this boom. Rome

is the most important city of north Georgia

and is the seat of Floyd county. In

1880 its population was 6,000. Now it num-

bers at least 11,000, and is rapidly increas-

ing. It lies at the head of navigation of the

Coosa river, at the junction of the Etowah

and Cortana rivers. About 215 miles below

Rome this river is obstructed by shoals, and

when the U. S. Government shall have

raised this obstruction, Rome will have 750

miles of river navigation extending to the

Gulf of Mexico. The main portion of the

town lies between the Etowah and Cortana

rivers, but as its population increased, bridges

spanned the rivers and flourishing

suburbs sprang up, populated mostly by

men doing business in Rome proper. Rome

is a city of hills and schools. The Baptists

and Presbyterians have flourishing

female schools here, while the public schools

are second to none in the South. About

1,200 pupils are registered, which is about

eleven per cent. of the population. This

speaks volumes for the intelligence of the

people, and will do much towards making

immigration flow this way. And besides the

people are genial and enterprising. A

stranger is welcomed with true and genuine

Southern hospitality and made to feel at

home.

The wholesale and retail stores do an im-

mense business, this being a prominent

trading point for a large territory. I quote

statistics to show Rome's present commer-

cial importance. Last year \$1,281,302 worth

of goods were manufactured here, giving

employment to about 500 persons. In 1886

the wholesale trade amounted to \$15,000,000,

and the retail trade to \$3,000,000. Over

100,000 bales of cotton were brought to this

market, about \$5,000,000 being compressed

and shipped to the New England mills. Five

railroads centre here, and two additional

ones are being rapidly constructed. Rome

will then be in direct communication with

the Black Warrior coal fields of Alabama,

while these increased railroad facilities will

enable her products to be shipped to the

four points of the compass.

Now for the boom. It is here, and excit-

ment really "makes Rome howl." Real

estate agents are as thick as blackberries;

lots are changing hands with handsome

profits, and company stocks are rapidly

advancing, corner lots, options, predictions,

offers for and refusals to sell real estate

greet you on every hand. With each train

new men are arriving, and the market is

here.

A few instances of the wonder-

ful sales. A gentleman from Virginia

purchased five shares of the land stock, and in

less than one hour he sold three at hand-

some advances. He never paid any money

on them, nor did he ever see them. He

made his profit, however. One house

and lot purchased for \$10,000 advanced

forty per cent. in one week. Another

lot valued at \$1,000 advanced to

\$1,500 while the gentleman was deciding to

purchase. And hundreds of other instances

might be mentioned when almost unheard

of advances have been realized. Frequent-

ly lots are sold two or three times before a

deed can be made out. The street car line

has been purchased by the Improvement

company, and in a few weeks every section

of the new addition will be penetrated by

street cars. When that is done suburban

property will rapidly advance.

The prime cause in bringing Rome to the

front was the organization of the Rome

Land, Iron and Improvement Company,

which is principally composed of the solid

business men of Rome. They have associ-

ated with them, however, capitalists from

New York and other money centres. This

company, recognizing the great natural

advantages of Rome, secured by purchase

and option several thousand acres of land

near town and about 50,000 acres of mineral

lands near the railroads. They organized on

the 24 of March, 1887, and immediately ap-

plied for a charter. Thus far the company

has not disposed of any of its lands. It has, how-

ever, been very liberal in advertising the

town and its advantages, and in offering in-

ducements to manufacturers to locate here.

Their efforts have been crowned with success,

and the few shares of stock in the market

sold to-day at 230, although only one assess-

ment of 10 per cent. has been paid. To this

company Rome owes much for her present

prosperity.

It must be remembered that this is not

building a town on paper, nor out in the

country, nor even in the mind of an active

real estate agent. The nucleus of a large

manufacturing town is here, and the coal,

iron and raw materials are at hand ready to

welcome that enterprise and capital seeking

to develop the hidden wealth of the "New

South."

Soon the stone works, iron foundries, cot-

ton, ice and fertilizer factories, cotton seed

oil and flour mills, cotton compresses and

other industries already established will be

greeted by the busy hum of new and kindred

enterprises. In a few days ground will be

broken for a new roller mill, employing over

500 hands.

Now to all this add a healthy climate,

where the cold is not severe nor the sum-

mer's heat excessive; pure air and plenty of

good water; raw material in abundance; en-

terprising people with plenty of capital,

and you have the secret of Rome's present

prosperity. Each year witnesses the rapid

growth of Southern cities, and Rome having

taken the tide at its flood, will enjoy her

share of the South's prosperity.

In addition to iron and coal, silver has

been discovered. The mine, which should

everywhere in this country, are full of mar-

ble, slate, mica and other minerals. Besides,

it is thought that oil and probably natural

gas exists.

Will this boom last? Of course it will,

unless cupid kills the hen that lays the

golden eggs. But as the Improvement com-

pany has a standing offer to donate free

sites (in addition to financial aid) to every

new industry started here, it is self evident

from these facts and Rome's natural advan-

tages, that her course is not run. W. H. P.

Despise Not the Day of Small Things.

Little things may help a man to rise—a

beat pin in an easy chair for instance. Dr.

Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" are